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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUB-GROUPS 1 AND 2 OF
THE TSGCEE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE, PLEASE INFORM CHAIRMAN
TSGCEE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE
TO TOR'S OF SG 1 AND 2 AS WRITTEN.

2. THE PURPOSE OF TSGCEE AND ITS SUB-GROUPS 1 AND 2
IS TO FOSTER THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTEROPERABILITY OF
TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS. SUCH INTEROPERABILITY
MUST OBTAIN IN SECURE MODE OF OPERATION AS WELL.
THEREFORE, THERE MUST BE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN ACSA AND TSGCEE IN DEVELOPING INTEROPERABILITY
STANDARDS. FURTHERMORE, AS MODERN COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEMS ARE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN FORESEE
CRYPTO EQUIPMENTS AND COMPONENTS BEING EMBEDDED OR
INTEGRATED INTO OVERALL SYSTEM DESIGNS. THIS POSES
A PROBLEM OF DEFINING WHAT CONSTITUTES THE INTERFACE
POINTS.

3. AN ACCEPTABLE MODIFICATION TO SG 1 AND 2 TOR MUST
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ABOVE CONCERNS ABOUT INTEROPERABILITY
AND INTERFACE DEFINITION. RECOMMEND THIS MATTER BE PLACED
ON AN APPROPRIATE AGENDA OF THE TSGCEE AND THAT ACSA
BE ASKED TO DEVELOP A MORE DEFINITIVE PROPOSAL WHICH
WILL DEAL WITH OUR CONCERNS.

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